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Senate Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_

House No. HJR0131  
By Bowers

RESOLUTION to honor and commend Senator Ed Davis  
for his many years of dedicated service to  
the Tennessee General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow lawmakers who have performed their elected duties with the greatest acumen and professionalism and who have served as models of competence and integrity for other representatives and senators; and

WHEREAS, when this legislature convened at the beginning of the 1995 Session of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, the Senate felt the loss of one of its finest and most highly respected members to retirement, Senator Ed Davis of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, during the course of his four terms as a member of this General Assembly, Ed Davis was an honorable figure on Capital Hill, and he was prominent among his colleagues as a highly capable and conscientious legislator; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure as Senator of the 33rd District, Ed Davis brought a degree of enthusiasm and legislative skills to his duties that was truly refreshing; and

WHEREAS, Senator Davis was a driving force behind many important and essential bills during his storied career in the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Senator Davis was elected by his peers to serve as a member of two the legislature's most powerful committees: Commerce, Labor and Agriculture, and Fiscal Review; he was also secretary of the Government Operations Committee and served with probity as chairman of the Calendar Committee and Chairman of the Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, his achievements as a member of the Senate include the passage of legislation creating the Institute of African American Affairs at Tennessee State University and the Fair Housing Commission; he also sponsored legislation addressing the problems of plant closings and mass layoffs of employees in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as an appointee to the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Committee, Senator Davis played an integral role in getting legislation passed to create the first Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in Tennessee, this occurring before the holiday was recognized at the federal level; and

WHEREAS, although Senator Davis' venerable career in this Senate has come to an end as he has retired, we are forever grateful to this outstanding public servant for his many noteworthy contributions; and

WHEREAS, the members of this Senate wish to bid a fond farewell to our dear friend and colleague Ed Davis; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Senator Ed Davis for his remarkable service to the people of Memphis and Tennessee, as a member of the General Assembly, express our thanks and appreciation for a job well done and extend to him our sincere wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution by prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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